

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 7-13 and 20-27 are allowable and that claims 15-17 would be allowed if written independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims to obtain the allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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